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This report contains the results from the **2009 March Quarterly Hog Report**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

Arkansas Hog Inventory on March 1, 2009, Down 2 Percent from December 1, 2008

Arkansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2009, totaled 275,000 head, down 2 percent from December 1, 2008. Breeding hog inventory, at 85,000 head, was down 5,000 head, and market hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was unchanged from December 1, 2008. For the December 2008 – February 2009 quarter, the pig crop totaled 433,000 head, up 3 percent from the same quarter in 2008. Sows farrowed during this quarter were 44,000 head and represented 52 percent of the breeding herd. Arkansas hog producers intend to farrow 41,000 sows during the March – May 2009 quarter, down 4,000 head from the actual farrowings for this period in 2008. The average number of pigs per litter for the December 2008 – February 2009 quarter was 9.85 head, up 0.25 head from the same period last year.

Hog and Pig Inventory, March 1, 2009, Arkansas and U.S.

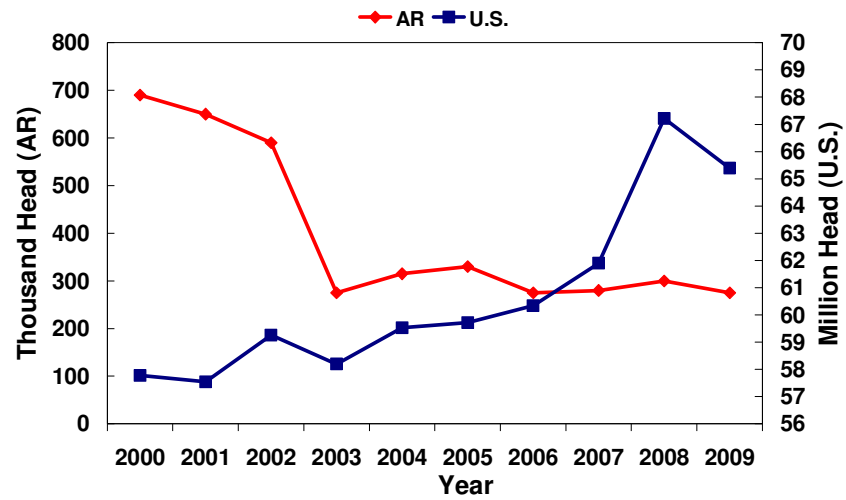
Commodity	Arkansas				United States			
	March 1, 2008	Dec. 1, 2008	March 1, 2009	March '09 as % of March '08	March 1, 2008	Dec. 1, 2008	March 1, 2009	March '09 as % of March '08
	1,000 Head				1,000 Head			
All Hogs and Pigs	300	280	275	92	67,218	66,768	65,389	97
Breeding	90	90	85	94	6,200	6,081	6,011	97
Market	210	190	190	90	61,018	60,687	59,378	97
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight								
Under 60 pounds	160	145	145	91	22,137	21,297	21,458	97
60-119 Pounds	15	15	15	100	14,490	15,126	14,126	97
120-179 Pounds	10	15	15	150	13,193	12,731	12,862	97
180 Pounds and Over	25	15	15	60	11,199	11,533	10,932	98

Hog and Pig Inventory, Arkansas, Neighboring States, and U.S., March 1, 2009¹

State	All Hogs & Pigs		Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Class			
	Breeding	Market	< 60 lbs	60-119 lbs	120-179 lbs	180 lbs & Over
	1,000 Head					
Arkansas	85	190	145	15	15	15
Missouri	365	2,585	1,250	460	475	400
Oklahoma	400	1,940	890	340	210	500
Texas	95	995	310	195	200	290
United States	6,011	59,378	21,458	14,126	12,862	10,932

¹Neighboring States does not include: LA, MS, and TN due to being grouped into "Other States" in the National Estimate.

Hog & Pig Inventory, Arkansas & U.S., March 1, 2000-2009



Market Hog Inventory by Weight Group, Arkansas, March 1, 2005-2009

